

The Sabbath Was Abolished By Jesus Christ

How often many will pick up a bible and think that there is no difference between the old testament and the new testament.

How often do many religions today fail to understand that Christians are not to obey the old testament laws. They fail to realize that the old testament was written for our learning to bring us to Christ, for it testifies of him. **Rom 15:4**.

Many fail to understand that the law of Moses has been taken out of the way, and nailed to the cross of Jesus. **Col 2:14**

Those who don't understand that Christ was the end of the law of Moses will often worship on Saturday instead of Sunday. **Rom 10:4**

Let us examine in some detail what the scriptures tell us about the Sabbath.

Moses' Law (10 Commandments Included) **Has Been Done Away In Christ**

The 10 Commandments were written and engraved on stones. **Ex 32:15,16**

The new covenant of Christ, on the other hand, was "written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables that are hearts of flesh" **2 Cor. 3:3**

Furthermore, what was written on stone (the 10 Commandments), was a killing law, i.e., led to death because of human disobedience, while the new covenant of the Spirit is a life-giving ministration. **2 Cor. 3:7**

In that same context, Paul says that this old covenant has passed away; it has been replaced by that which possesses a greater and superior glory. **2 Cor.3:11**

The law of Moses has been abolished: ". . . having abolished in the flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, so making peace **Eph. 2:15**

Christ, through his dead on the cross, "blotted out the bond written in ordinances" of the old law:"

“Having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross” Col. 2:14

The Sabbath law, along with the rest of Moses’ law, was fulfilled (taken away) with the death of Jesus on the cross.

The Sabbath Law Was Given To Hebrews Only

The Sabbath was given to the Hebrews to help them remember their own experience in Egypt: “And you shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God brought you out from there by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm: therefore Jehovah your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day” Deut. 5:15

It was a unique sign between God and the children of Israel: “Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It

is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed” **Exod. 31:16-17**

The Jews were to remember the Passover on the Sabbath, even as Christian are to remember the Lord’s death¹ on Sunday. The Sabbath was never for Gentiles, nor was it ever practiced by the church.

The Sabbath Law Was Formally Given At Sinai And Not At The Creation

The Sabbath law was first mentioned when God fed Israel with manna from heaven, and was formally given by Moses to Israel at Sinai. Nehemiah states from Exodus 16 “You came down also upon mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and made known unto them

¹ **Comment:** In my opinion, this should read “the Lord’s resurrection” instead of death.

thy holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by Moses your servant” Neh. 9:13-14

Moses, who revealed the Sabbath to the people at Sinai, explained its having been “hallowed” by God in his narrative about the creation in Genesis 2:1-3: “Thus the heauens and the earth were finished, and all the hoste of them.

2 And on the seuenth day God ended his worke, which hee had made: And he rested on the seuenth day from all his worke, which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seuenth day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his worke, which God created and made. “

However, it is noteworthy that none of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.) ever observed the Sabbath. It is because God never established it with them, but rather with Israel after they escaped Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and entered into the wilderness. Moses wrote, “The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.” Deut 5:3

Sabbath Observance Was Forbidden To Gentile Christians

Paul warned Christians not to be entangled again in a yoke of bondage **Gal. 5:1**, but to continue in the freedom from the law of Moses which Jesus had wrought upon the cross. Since circumcision was the main issue in the book of Galatians, other facts are often ignored, such as his condemnation of observance of the Jewish holy days: "You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain" **Gal. 4:10-11**

The Sabbath was one of those Jewish holy days to which he makes reference. Paul feared that, just as these Gentiles had once been servants of idolatrous gods, they would now serve the false apostles who had invaded their number², make themselves subservient to the entire law, and ultimately sever themselves from Christ and his grace.

² **Comment:** see Acts 15

Christians Are Not To Be Judged By Jewish Laws

Paul stated it clearly when he said, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day: which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's" Col. 2:16-17

If we are judged by Christ according to his gospel, and we shall become the judgment, then it is conclusive that the Sabbath is not a part of the gospel of Christ. Rom 2:16

If anyone preaches any other gospel, they shall be accursed. Gal 1:6-9

Anyone who justifies themselves by the law of Moses have fallen from grace. Gal 5:4

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This is an edited version of the work linked to, to read the original, please follow the link posted above. The editing was solely done to be as clear as possible according to scripture, so I added, i.e., to the words "through his cross" the text "through his dead on the cross". Sometimes I left the original text in brackets. The bible verses in the text remain unedited, in the PDF version of the work I give the 1611 KJV in notes.

I left out the last paragraph of the text, because I heavily disagree with the author there, when he states "Christians Are To Worship On Sunday" which is contradictory to scripture where it states "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Romans 14:5

Nowhere in scripture does it say that Sunday is a day of worship, even the Sabbath was not a day of worship, but of rest.

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